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Amendments to the Claims:

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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of conveying extrusion molded products from a material feed unit to a receiving unit by a plurality of conveyors, comprising interposing at least one expansion conveyor between conveyors out of the conveyors to expand or contract the expansion conveyor in order to adjust the conveying speed of the extrusion molded products to be carried.
2. (Original) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 1, wherein the conveyor speed of the conveyors can be changed to several levels.
3. (Original) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 2, wherein the delivery speed of the material feed unit is controlled according to a change in the conveyor speed of the conveyors.
4. (Original) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 3, wherein when the material feed unit has a plurality of extruders, the speed of each extruder is controlled according to a change in the conveyor speed of the conveyors.
5. (Original) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 4, wherein a response delay of the delivery speed of the material feed unit to the conveyor speed of the conveyors and the attenuation time are obtained in advance, and when the conveyor speed of the conveyors is changed, the target value of the delivery speed is set based on the response delay and the attenuation time.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 5,~~ claim 3, wherein the target value of conveying speed is set according to the throughput of the receiving unit.

7. (Original) A device for conveying extrusion molded products, having a plurality of conveyors to carry extrusion molded products from a material feed unit to a receiving unit, wherein at least one expansion conveyor is interposed between conveyors out of the plurality of conveyors.

8. (New) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 4, wherein the target value of conveying speed is set according to the throughput of the receiving unit.

9. (New) The method of conveying extrusion molded products according to claim 5, wherein the target value of conveying speed is set according to the throughput of the receiving unit.